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SUBJECT:CONTACTS WITH LIBERATION GROUPS FROM PORTUGUESE
TERRITORIES

1. SINCE APRIL 25 COUP IN PORTUGAL THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN
REVIEWING QUESTION OF THE LEVEL AND LOCALE OF CONTACTS WITH
LIBERATION GROUPS FROM PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES. IN THIS
CONNECTION, PORTUGUESE FONMIN SOARES RECENTLY INDICATED TO
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SECRETARY THAT PORTUGUESE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO NORMAL USG

CONTACT WITH LIBERATION GROUP LEADERS.

2. WE BELIEVE MOST CONTACTS WITH LIBERATION GROUPS WILL CONTINUE TO BE MOST APPROPRIATELY CONDUCTED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF CURRENT GUIDANCE, I.E., AT LOWER THAN CHIEF OF MISSION OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOW AUTHORIZING CONTACTS WITH LIBERATION GROUP REPRESENTATIVES WITHOUT RESTRICTION AS TO LEVEL OR LOCALE IN INSTANCES WHEN IT IS BELIEVED THAT FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES WILL BE MATERIALLY SERVED BY SUCH CONTACTS:

(A) BETTER AWARENESS ON OUR PART OF ACTIVITIES, PLANS, AND POLICIES OF KEY LIBERATION GROUP LEADERS AND THE INFLUENCES AT WORK ON THEM AND THEIR MOVEMENTS ;

(B) BETTER UNDERSTANDING ON THEIR PART OF US POLICIES AND POSITIONS;

(C) BUILDING A PATTERN OF DIALOGUE THAT SHOULD HELP LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS RELATIONSHIPS WITH THESE AREAS FOLLOWING PORTUGUESE WITHDRAWAL.

3. IN ALL CONTACTS WITH LIBERATION GROUP REPRESENTATIVES, CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID

(A) POSSIBILITY OF AROUSING EXPECTATIONS THAT WOULD NOT BE FULFILLED, AND (ANY INDICATION THAT US MIGHT PLAY ANY INTERMEDIARY ROLE IN WORKING OUT SETTLEMENTS IN THE PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES. IN ADDITION, MISSION PERSONNEL SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY ALERT FOR ATTEMPTS BY LIBERATION GROUP LEADERS TO ELICIT EXPRESSIONS OF US POLICY OR VIEWS ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES THAT MIGHT LATER BE EXPLOITED BY LIBERATION GROUPS TO US DISADVANTAGE. IN THIS CONNECTION, POST SHOULD SEEK DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE BEFORE PROVIDING SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE TO DEMARCHES OR REPRESENTATIONS FROM LIBERATION GROUPS.

4. CHIEFS OF MISSION AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS SHOULD EXERCISE CLOSE CONTROL OVER ALL ELEMENTS OF MISSION IN
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THESE CONTACTS. ALL CONTACTS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT. INGERSOLL

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